

the body, Senator Johnson has taken some of the very things that I was going to say and presented them to you. As a fact, the Appropriations Committee did think that this was a worthy project, and as he indicated in the final waning days, we did make the decision to cut this project. Now if there is cohesiveness in the Appropriations Committee, you can believe that in fear and trepidation we made that decision knowing full well that we would have to face Senator Johnson here on the floor because he has worked hard on this project and everything that he says about when it could go on line and when it would be finished is true. But as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I think that in the final analysis we decided, as Senator Johnson again indicated, that this was a project that should be decided by you as a total legislative body even though it was a recommendation of the Executive Committee and originally had been a recommendation of the Appropriations Committee. So it is appropriate that you decide on this issue. With revenues down, being a legislator from greater Nebraska or outstate Nebraska, knowing what the economy is in my district, whether you want to decide to do this when we are asking other places to cut, other people to cut, if you want to decide to spend this money for our building, for the Capitol, for this legislative body, that has to be a decision that you live with, that you vote for, that you go home and can uphold. So I think it is a good thing to bring it to the floor. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, we did decide to cut it, but everything that Senator Johnson says is true. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Vard Johnson's amendment to LB 884. I will not...I will agree that we possibly do need better facilities but at this time in our state economy and our budgets that we are looking at I think this money could well be spent in other areas like education, animal science or those areas where we far, far need money spent, and we can sure as heck get along for another year. And regards to last year, you know Senator Johnson come before us and said, hey, we need \$600,000 right at the end for Legislative